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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. ICRC/KIGALI CHIEF DELEGATE, WALTER STOCKER, HAS ENCOURAGED THE GOR AND THE RPF TO WORK OUT THEIR DIFFERENCES AND ADVISE WHICH ROUTE ICRC SHOULD USE--KAGITUMBA OR GATUNA--TO BRING RELIEF FOOD FROM UGANDA TO RWANDA'S WAR DISPLACED. ICRC EXPECTS A RESPONSE AFTERNOON OF 12/31. IF IT COMES, ICRC IS

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READY TO MOVE A CONVOY OF 20 TRUCKS OF FOOD ON MONDAY, 1/4. THE NEED IS URGENT AS CEREALS STOCK ARE CURRENTLY DEPLETED. THE BEANS THAT ARRIVED VIA UGANDA DECEMBER 23 ARE ALREADY BEING DISTRIBUTED. THE TRUCKS ARE READY FOR THE RETURN TRIP TO KAMPALA.

3. ICRC/KIGALI DECIDED TO DEFER TO THE TWO PARTIES RATHER THAN INSIST ON ONE ROUTE VERSUS THE OTHER IN ORDER TO KEEP FROM APPEARING TO FAVOR ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER IN THIS POLITICAL TUG-OF-WAR. THE GOR IS QUITE HAPPY WITH THE KAGITUMBA ROUTE, THROUGH TERRITORY IT CONTROLS, AND SEES NO REASON TO AGREE TO A CHANGE. THE RPF, WHICH PREFERS THE GATUNA ROUTE THAT IT CONTROLS, CONTINUES TO WARN ICRC IN STRONG TERMS AGAINST THE KAGITUMBA ROUTE. THE RPF HAS ASSURED ICRC THAT THE GATUNA BRIDGE IS SUFFICIENTLY STRONG TO HANDLE HEAVILY-LOADED FOOD CONVOYS. ICRC TURNED THE MATTER OVER TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WHICH INVOLVED THE NEUTRAL MONITORING GROUP (NMOG) AS A CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATIONS TO THE RPF LEADERSHIP IN

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THE NORTH OF RWANDA.

4. FOLLOWING UP ON DEPARTMENT'S CALL TO DUSAIDI, AMBASSADOR AGAIN URGED PL PRESIDENT MUGENZI TO ENCOURAGE THE RPF TO BACK OFF ITS THREATS AND FACILITATE RELIEF FOR THE 350,000 DISPLACED; IF THE RPF WANTS TO BE REINTEGRATED INTO THIS COUNTRY, IT CANNOT PERMIT ITSELF TO CONTINUE TO BE SEEN AS THE OBSTACLE TO RELIEF FOOD FOR THE DISPLACED.

5. ICRC SAID IT HAS 16,000 TONS OF CEREALS (10,000 TONS) AND BEANS (6,000 TONS), SOME OF WHICH MUST STILL BE PURCHASED, AVAILABLE IN UGANDA FOR THE EMERGENCY FEEDING OPERATION IN RWANDA. ICRC ESTIMATES THAT THESE QUANTITIES, ALONG WITH FOOD IN THE PIPELINE FROM OTHER OUTSIDE SOURCES, WOULD MEET CEREALS NEEDS OF THE 350,000 DISPLACED FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1993 AND BEANS NEEDS FOR FOUR AND A HALF MONTHS. UGANDAN-SOURCE FOOD IS TO COME FROM WFP STOCKS, EEC CONTRIBUTIONS TO WFP, AN EEC AND A GERMAN CONTRIBUTION TO ICRC, AND THE U.S. AND CANADIAN SUPPORT FOR BEANS PURCHASED BY THE GOR.

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